

less and telephone equipment. The United States holds third place, owing largely to the heavy shipments of flash lights and flash-light batteries. The United States also obtains an important share of the trade in storage batteries, electric tools, therapeutic and X-ray equipment, and domestic appliances.

The remaining countries supplying electrical goods to the Netherland East Indies, with the exception of Switzerland, do not obtain an important share in any particular class of equipment. Switzerland furnishes most of the water wheels used in the islands and about 6 per cent of the motors.

Government purchases are chiefly from the Netherlands, but no discrimination is shown against the goods of other countries.

The following table shows the value of the imports of electrical equipment from the three principal countries for the years 1926-1928:

IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, BY PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN,
1926-1928

[Value in florins]

Territory and importer	Netherlands	Germany	United States	Total
1926				
Java:				
Private	2,333,983	2,651,220	449,090	6,653,269
Government	1,525,559	244,294	129,055	2,220,937
Outer Possessions:				
Private	1,695,280	496,250	151,433	2,706,152
Government	294,066	38,009	21,683	371,879
Total	5,848,888	3,429,773	751,261	11,952,237
1927				
Java:				
Private	2,743,500	4,900,290	736,581	10,225,466
Government	2,001,658	642,477		3,706,040
Outer Possessions:				
Private	789,323	553,865	191,889	2,062,202
Government	308,181	73,600	46,115	430,352
Total	6,042,662	6,170,232	974,585	16,424,060
1928				
Java:				
Private	4,598,751	4,396,463	785,340	10,985,212
Government	3,252,125	621,113	202,445	4,285,274
Outer Possessions:				
Private	1,853,627	1,300,414	306,866	4,163,336
Government	758,975	85,441	106,203	958,140
Total	10,463,478	6,403,431	1,400,854	20,391,962

NATURE OF IMPORTS

During the last few years, the imports of electrical equipment have been featured by the demand for power house, transmission, and distribution equipment for new generating stations and for transmission lines that were erected since 1925. Imports of wireless equipment have also been on the increase and an even greater demand is expected during the next few years.

The following table, which shows in detail the value and nature of the imports of electrical equipment for the year 1928, indicates the heavy private demand for electric cables, motors, electric bulbs, and the outstanding Government purchases during the year, which were for transmission equipment and electric-railway material.